

# Delaware CEDS

*a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy  
for the State of Delaware*



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## STATE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

January 24, 2006

4:00–6:00 p.m.

Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, Dover

**Committee Members Present:** Steve Thompson, Jeffrey Fried, Kimberly Brockenbrough (DSHA), Burt Samuelson (WILMAPCO), Mark Pugh, Debra Singletary, Richelle Vible, Sandra Johnson, Jeff Flynn

**CEDS Support Staff:** Bill McGowan (facilitator), Bernard Dworsky, Lisa McIlvaine

**Number of Public Participants Present:** 4

**DEDO Personnel Present:** 0

Bernard Dworsky (IPA Staff) opened the meeting by introducing members of the committee, public, and IPA staff. Following introductions, Bernard Dworsky summarized the December 14, 2005, meeting that included Judy McKinney-Cherry, Director of Delaware Economic Development Office, and the CEDS co-chairs. Mr. Dworsky also discussed the work completed to date by the regional committees and the work completed by the State Committee at the November 30th meeting. In addition, he discussed the status of the Wilmington CEDS project, with input from Steven Peuquet from University of Delaware's Center of Community Research and Service and Jeff Flynn from the City of Wilmington. Finally, Mr. Dworsky spoke of the items to be completed during the meeting, including continued visioning work and a brief overview of the action plan.

Facilitator Bill McGowan followed Mr. Dworsky's introductory statements with an exercise to further complete the state's visioning work. The visioning work consisted of completing a Goals and Objectives Table for the state. The committee reviewed and revised the objectives proposed at the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition, the committee began to review suggested strategies for each objective. The suggested strategies were received from the regional committees as well as existing recommendations/strategies from the Strategic Economic Council Report, the New Economy Initiative, and Vital Economy reports. This concluded the committee's work for the evening. The committee agreed that the updated Goals and Objective Table be emailed to committee members and the committee would revise any information or add in any missing information to the table, so that it could be finalized at the next State Committee meeting.

The meeting concluded with Mr. Dworsky giving a brief statement on the path forward for the CEDS project. The path forward for the CEDS process included:

- Sussex Committee Meeting, January 25, 4-6 p.m., Del Tech, Owens Campus, Carter Partnership Center, Room 530, Georgetown
- Kent Committee Meeting, January 31, noon to 2 p.m., Kent County Administration Building, Room 200, Dover
- Regional Public Workshops, late February
- State Committee Meeting, mid-March
- State Public Workshop, March 29, 4-6 p.m., Del Tech, Terry Campus, Corporate Training Center, Room 400, Dover